

REPORT  
OF THE  
**VISITERS**  
OF THE  
JAIL OF BALTIMORE CITY AND COUNTY.

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*To the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore,*

In compliance with the provisions of an act of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed at December session, 1831, chapter 58, the Board of Visitors of the Jail of Baltimore city and county, present their annual report.

The document marked A, exhibits a statement of receipts and expenditures for the year ending the 26th November, 1834, from this statement it appears that the whole claim upon the city levy for support of the Jail during that period was \$2450. We estimate that the sum of \$3000 should be levied, to pay Baltimore city's proportion of Jail expenses, from 26th November, 1834, to 26th November, 1835.

In document B, will be found the usual statistical account of the Jail. It indicates a considerable increase in the number of prisoners: the whole number being 2449, and the daily average 100. This increase has to a certain extent been occasioned by the commitment of more than three hundred labourers from the Washington Rail Road, and the repeal of the law abolishing imprisonment for debts under thirty dollars. In this document will be found, some interesting facts connected with the subject of imprisonment for debt. It is worthy of remark, that the debts of those discharged amounted to \$581,497 30, the cost of their board in prison to \$1051 20, the number of days consumed by them in confinement to 5256, while the whole amount which appears by the Jail records to have been recovered is only \$338 23.

The document marked C, shows what would have been the expenses of the Jail for 1834 under the Sheriff, compared with its actual expenses under the Warden: from this it appears that the present system has effected a saving to the city and county of \$2699 28, during the past year. We have thought proper to present this document, in consequence of an application having been made to the Legislature at its last session, to restore the Jail to the sheriff, on the ground that its expenses were less under the Sheriff than under the Warden.